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GOVERNOR ANDREW JOHNSON
(1808-1875)
PAPERS
1853-1857

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INTRODUCTION

This finding aid covers the gubernatorial papers of Tennessee Governor Andrew Johnson, who served from 1853-1857. It consists of correspondence, petitions for pardons, requests for commutation, executive orders, requests for appointment and recommendations, and miscellaneous materials.

There are no restrictions on the use of the materials and researchers may make copies of individual items for individual or scholarly use.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Governor Andrew Johnson

- 1808 December, 29 Born in Raleigh, North Carolina, the younger son of Jacob Johnson and Mary McDonough.
- 1826 Moved together with his mother and stepfather to Tennessee, settling eventually at Greenville where he established a tailor-shop.
- 1827 Married Eliza McCardle, the daughter of a Scotch shoemaker. They had five children.
- 1835 Elected to the legislature of Tennessee from the district composed of Greene and Washington Counties.
- 1841 Elected to the state Senate.
- 1843 Elected to the Twenty-Eighth Congress as a representative of the first district of Tennessee. He served in the House of Representatives for ten years.
- 1855 Elected governor of Tennessee. Two years later he was able to command election by the legislature to the United States Senate.
- 1862 While still a senator, Johnson was appointed by President Lincoln, military governor of Tennessee.
- 1864 Elected Vice-President of the United States as running mate with Abraham Lincoln.
- 1865 Upon Lincoln's assassination, became president of the United States.
- 1875 Andrew Johnson suffered a paralytic attack and died July 31. He is buried near Greenville.

CONTAINER LIST

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| 1 | 8 | Election commission; Nathaniel G. Taylor, 1 st Cong. District | 1854 |
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NAME INDEX

This index contains names of persons holding influential positions during the period. In some instances, however, correspondence is included because the content is important enough to warrant attention in the index. The figures in the parentheses immediately following each name denote the total number of letters in the folder from that person. The identification of the writer and the site from where the letters were written are included whenever possible.

Box 1, Folder 3, 1854

Bromfield Ridley, (1) No address

Sam Tate (6), President, Memphis & Charleston Rail Road Company, Memphis.

Box 1, Folder 4, 1855

Aaron V. Brown (1) former Governor of Pennsylvania.

Sam Tate (2) President, Memphis & Charleston Rail Road, Memphis.

Robertson Topp (2) President, Memphis & Ohio Rail Road, Memphis.

Box 1, Folder 5, 1856

Robertson Topp (1) President, Memphis & Ohio Rail Road, Memphis.